

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

8 May 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

M. Christine Benoit, DMD, Chair Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Vice Chair Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Donald C. Williams

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Staff Members In Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Donna L. Costantino, MBA, Chief Steven Brown, DDS, RIDA

Edward D'Arezzo Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA

Michael Fine, MD, Director Kerri Friel, RIDAA

Benjamin Copple, JD Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

Michelle McCormick

Jennifer S. Sternick, JD

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on May 8, 2013 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. All were welcomed and new attendees were introduced.

Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Dr. Nager to accept the OPEN Minutes of April 10, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented.

Administrative Issues:

Meeting dates: The Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting dates conflict with the Medical Board. The Attorneys representing both Boards are shared. Moving forward, alternate days will be considered to allow Legal Counsel to be present and opportunities for Dr. Fine to attend.

There are 35 Boards and Commissions the Staff currently administers.

The Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners Steering Committee meets June 13-14, 2013 in Linthicum, MD. Representing RI are Christine Benoit, Kathleen Gazzola, and Andrew Molak.

Communications:

A gubernatorial Proclamation was made by Governor Lincoln Chaffee that February was Gum Disease Awareness Month.

Issued Licenses:

Mr. Thomas Bertrand presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure in Dental Hygiene.

Dr. Joseph Samartano presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure to practice Dentistry and Anesthesia Facility Permits. These names in both categories and facilities were unanimously Approved.

Old Business:

Infection Control Guidelines: There has been minimal feedback on the Draft Infection Control Guidelines for In-Office Audits. Only four responses came in. The Chair is tabling the Draft Guidelines to allow more comments to come in via DOH website. After May 31st, the subcommittee will review the comments before the June 12, 2013

meeting.

Records Retention: This topic requires additional legal research prior to discussion in June.

New Business:

A dental education training coordinator inquired of the RI Rules and Regulations. Ms. Nancy VanWechel represents Quest, based in Colorado. Dr. Joseph Samartano will gather information, learn specifics of the hands-on program, and reply on behalf of the Board.

The American Association of Dental Boards meeting was held April 21-22, 2013 in Chicago. Dr. Benoit reports the panel discussion focused on “How to Assess Continued Competency”. This is a national issue for Boards. Dentistry requires a high level of skill and knowledge to safely and ethically treat patients. Consumers want a high level of safety and care. Lifelong learning is a responsibility. Mandated CE does not measure competency. There are no outcome assessments, nor necessarily a transfer of knowledge. Nine Specialties in dentistry have recertification. The discussions are to have intervals of 8-10 years for issuance of time limited licenses but

grandfather existing licenses.

The National Dental Examiners Advisory Forum invites one Board member annually, and covers hotel and travel to Chicago. The test assists license Boards. National Boards Part 1 and 2 will be replaced by The Integrated National Board Dental Examination by 2017. This is a more cognitive exam, more reflective of current dental education.

Thank you to the Board. Dr. Michael Fine, Director of Health, encourages collaboration; to keep talking, further discussions needed. Dr. Fine thanks the Board Members for their service.

Public Comments:

Dr. Steven Brown, RIDA President, recommends common sense approach to the Draft Infection Control checklist. It is not essential to wash loupes between each patient. Dr. Brown said RIDA collected comments about the Draft IC and submitted. He said dentists were fearful of responding as individuals, that is why replies have been minimal.

Marie Jones-Bridge, RIDHA, was referred to IC Draft at www.health.ri.gov/oralhealth.

Before convening the OPEN Meeting, the Board thanks Catherine Cordy and Linda Phillips for their efforts to administer this Board.

Due to their work, there has been significant improvement in safety, protection, and health of RI citizens.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Dr. Nager and seconded by Dr.Cappuccino to adjourn to Executive Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting.

-and-

Pursuant to Section 42-46-5 (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Return to OPEN Session:

Final Actions: A Motion was made by Dr. Samartano and seconded by Dr. Nager to Seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session of April 10, 2013 pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2) of the R.I.G.L. The Motion carried.

Adjourn: The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting is June 12, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Beck Conference Room, DOH. A Motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Nager to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Christine Benoit

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Board of Examiners in Dentistry**